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## (論文内容の要旨)

申請論文は、リーマン空間における力学系の構造に関するものである。その主要な結果は、測地流がいわゆる Anosov の力学系となる条件について得られたものであるが、そのために申請者は幾何学と函数解<sup>析</sup>~~法~~の手法によって、種々の定理を証明している。

主要な結果は以下の通りである。

1. コンパクト距離空間とベクトル束について、“ベクトル束位相同型”なる概念を定義した上で、次の定理が証明されている。

(A) ベクトル束上の2次形式で、 $Q(\Phi v) - Q(v) > 0$ なるものが存在することと、ベクトル束位相同型  $(\Phi, \zeta)$  が準双曲型 (すなわち  $\Phi^n v$  が有界ならば  $v=0$ ) であることとは同値である。

一方、1970年代の Sacker-Sell 及び Selgrade の理論によって、準双曲型と双曲型とは一致することが知られているので、(A) は双曲型であること、即ちアノソフ性をもつことの判定条件として、測地流に対して応用できることとなる。

2. コンパクトリーマン多<sup>様</sup>~~様~~体上のベクトル場によって生成された流れ  $\zeta(t)$  を、その空間の測地流と称する。このとき、次の定理が証明される。

(B)  $\langle AT\zeta_t \xi, T\zeta_t \xi \rangle$  の  $(0, T)$  上の積分が正值であるような  $T$  が存在すれば、測地流はアノソフ流である。

この結果から直ちに次のことが導かれる。

(C)  $Y$  が負の (= 非正の) 曲率をもつコンパクトリーマン多<sup>様</sup>~~様~~体であって、曲率が0となる  $Y$  の点の集合が測地線を含まない場合は、 $Y$  上の測地流はアノソフ流である。

3. 申請者は更に、定理 (B) に対応する結果を、函数空間  $L^2$  の枠で表わすことにより、次の形の定理を得ている。

(D)  $(L^2)$  を束  $E$  上に作られた函数空間とし、その単位球面上で、定

理 (B) の積分が正値をとるならば、測地流はアノソフ流である。

この定理から Chicone (1981) の結果が直ちに導かれる。

曲率  $K_0(Y)$  が負ならば、 $Y$  上の測地流はアノソフ流である。

## (論文審査の結果の要旨)

申請論文の具体的な結果についての評価は次のとおりである。

1 のベクトル束位相同型は、多様体上の力学系の研究の他、常微分方程式の dichotomy の存在の研究や shift をもつ積分方程式の研究等でも表れるもので、これらを統一した概念<sup>をいって</sup>~~として~~規定したことは、以後の推論に対して~~極めて~~有効である。

定理 (A) は、測地流の双曲性の判定条件として、従来得られているものを含む有用なものである。

定理 (C) は Lewowicz が 1981 年に 2 次元の場合に証明しているが、一般の次元のリーマン空間に対しては、申請者の方法が有効である。また (B) は、ヤコビ場を用いた判定条件であるが、直接的に曲率と関係したものである点は、特に従来の判定条件に比してすぐれている。(D) は Chicone が、生成作用素のスペクトルの計算という微妙な方法によって得たものであるが、申請者の証明は極く自然なもので、理論の内容を明らかにするものである。

リーマン空間上の測地流のアノソフ性は、この種の力学系の理論において中心的な重要なものであるが、申請論文はこの問題に対して、従来多くの研究者が与えたよりも自然な見易い枠と方法によって、より深いかつ有用な結果を得ている。これによって、この方面への貢献が大きいとすることができる。

よって本論文は理学博士の学位論文として価値あるものと認める。

なお、主論文および参考論文に報告されている研究業績を中心としてこれに関連した研究分野について試問した結果、合格と認めた。

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## Introduction.

As is well known, Anosov systems ( or hyperbolic systems ) play important roles in the theory of dynamical systems.

Once a given system is proved to be Anosov, one knows that it is both structurally stable and topologically stable, and it has many ergodic properties ( See, for instance, Anosov[1] and Walters[19].) Moreover small deviation from Anosov systems gives wider classes of interesting systems. Therefore, in this paper, we are interested mainly in obtaining good criteria for a given system to be Anosov.

Here, we shall give general comments for Anosov systems. Already at the starting point of the investigation, Anosov systems were considered analogous to hyperbolic ordinary linear



differential equations with constant coefficients We explain this more exactly. Let  $A$  be an  $n$ -square matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$  and let us consider an ordinary differential equation:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ . The fixed point  $x = 0$  is called hyperbolic if there exists an invariant hyperbolic splitting of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  :  $\mathbb{R}^n = E^s \oplus E^u$  . This corresponds to the definition of Anosov systems. There are several equivalent criteria for this as follows :

- (A) The real parts of every eigenvalues of  $A$  are non-zero.
- (B) There exists no non-zero bounded orbit
- (C) There exists a non-degenerate quadratic form  $Q(x)$  such that  $\frac{d}{dt} Q(x) > 0$  for any non-zero solution  $x$  .

The criterion (A) corresponds to the spectral theory of vector bundle systems. This point of view goes back<sup>to</sup> at least to the work of Mather[13], and important results have been obtained by many other authors. ( See Chicone-Swanson [3] , [4] , Churchill-Franke-Selgrade [5] , Hirsch-Pugh-Shub [8] and Ôtsuki [14] , [15] . ) The criterion (B) corresponds to the theory of quasi-hyperbolic systems. We cite the contributions of Mañé[12], Sacker-Sell[16] and Selgrade[18]

which are especially important for our present work. The criterion (C) corresponds to the work of Lewowicz [10] , [11] . He proved that the hyperbolicity of a vector bundle system is equivalent to the existence of a non-degenerate quadratic form with adequate properties.

In the present article, we prove first a proposition which gives a criterion for vector bundle homeomorphisms to be quasi-hyperbolic. By applying this result to geodesic flows, we give a sufficient condition for geodesic flows to be Anosov. This criterion may be applied to Riemannian manifolds with small patches of small positive curvatures. Our method enables us also to obtain a generalization of Chicone's criterion in [2] for geodesic flows to be Anosov.

The contents of this paper is divided into five sections. In §1, we define notations of vector bundle systems and prove Theorem 1 which gives a criterion for vector bundle homeomorphisms to be quasi-hyperbolic. In §2, applying Theorem 1 to diffeomorphisms, we get Proposition 2 which states that the quasi-hyperbolicity is stable in a certain sense

In §3, we prove one of our main results (Theorem 4) in this paper, which gives a sufficient condition for geodesic flows to be Anosov. The key point of the proof of this theorem lies in finding an appropriate quadratic form used in Theorem 1 for geodesic flows. This theorem may be meaningful in geometry; that is, Theorem 4 seems to us to suggest relations between geodesic flows of Anosov type and indices of geodesic curves. It may be also interesting to compare Theorem 4 with the work of Eberlein[7]. As a consequence of Theorem 4, Proposition 5 is obtained in §4. In the 2-dimensional case, this proposition is known (Lewowicz [11]), but it seems to us that it is new for general case. In this section, we define "asymptotic curvature" and prove some result (Proposition 6). We shall not discuss it in detail(s) in this paper.

In §5, we prove Theorem 9 which gives a generalization of Chicone's criterion. This theorem is another main result in this paper. Our proof is different from Chicone's one, and is based on two key ideas, that is, on Lemma 8 which

is suggested by our Theorem 1 and on finding the quadratic form in  $L^2$ -setting which is analogous to that used in Theorem 4.

In this paper, we denote the sets of integers, real numbers and complex numbers by  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  respectively.

# §1. Lyapunov-like functions and quasi-hyperbolicity of vector bundle homeomorphisms

We begin with notations of vector bundle systems

Let  $M$  be a compact metric space and  $E$  a real or complex vector bundle on  $M$  with an inner product. We call a pair  $(\Phi, \phi)$  a vector bundle homeomorphism if  $\phi$  is a homeomorphism on  $M$  and  $\Phi$  is a bundle automorphism which intertwines with  $\phi$ . A vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\Phi, \phi)$  is called quasi-hyperbolic if there exists no non-zero  $v \in E$  such that  $\{\|\Phi^n v\|: n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded. Here  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the norm induced from the inner product on  $E$ . Further  $(\Phi, \phi)$  is called hyperbolic if there exists a  $\Phi$ -invariant hyperbolic splitting  $E = E^s \oplus E^u$ , where  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  are the stable and unstable subbundles of  $E$  respectively, namely there exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  such that

$$\|\Phi^n v\| \leq C \lambda^n \|v\| \quad \text{for } v \in E^s, n \geq 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\|\Phi^{-n} v\| \leq C \lambda^n \|v\| \quad \text{for } v \in E^u, n \geq 0.$$

A real valued function  $Q$  on  $E$  is called a quadratic

form on  $E$  if  $Q$  is continuous and  $Q_x \equiv Q|_{E_x}$  is a quadratic form on the fibre space  $E_x$  for every  $x \in M$ .

The following theorem is essentially due to J.Lewowicz, but we prove it here for convenience of readers.

**Theorem 1.** A vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\Phi, \phi)$  is quasi-hyperbolic if and only if there exists a quadratic form  $Q$  on  $E$  such that  $Q(\Phi v) - Q(v) > 0$  for every non-zero  $v \in E$ .

**Proof** (i) **Necessity** If  $(\Phi, \phi)$  is quasi-hyperbolic, then there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that for every non-zero  $v \in E$ , there exists at least an integer  $n$ ,  $|n| \leq N$ , for which  $\|\Phi^n v\| > 2\|v\|$  holds. We prove this by contradiction. Assume, for every positive integer  $n$ , there exists  $v_n \in E$  with  $\|v_n\| = 1$  such that

$$\max\{ \|\Phi^m v_n\| : |m| \leq n \} \leq 2$$

Then by taking a subsequence of  $\{v_n\}$ , if necessary, we may assume that  $\{v_n\}$  converges to some  $v \in E$  as  $n \longrightarrow +\infty$ .

So we obtain that  $\max\{ \|\Phi^m v\| : m \in \mathbb{Z} \} \leq 2$  and  $\|v\| = 1$ ,



which contradicts the quasi-hyperbolicity of  $(\Phi, \phi)$

By the technique of Lewowicz [10, Lemma 2.3], combined with above fact, we see that there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $\|\Phi^m v\| > 2\|v\|$  or  $\|\Phi^{-m} v\| > 2\|v\|$ , for every non-zero  $v \in E$ .

Define  $Q(v)$  as follows :

$$Q(v) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \{ \|\Phi^{m+i} v\|^2 - \|\Phi^i v\|^2 \}.$$

Then  $Q(v)$  is obviously a quadratic form on  $E$ , and we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\Phi v) - Q(v) &= \|\Phi^{2m} v\|^2 - 2\|\Phi^m v\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \\ &> 2\|\Phi^m v\|^2 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for non-zero  $v \in E$ , because of

$$\|\Phi^{2m} v\|^2 + \|v\|^2 > 4\|\Phi^m v\|^2$$

(ii) Sufficiency Conversely, let  $Q$  be a quadratic form on  $E$  such that  $Q(\Phi v) - Q(v) > 0$  for every non-zero  $v \in E$ . Then the compactness of  $M$  and the continuity of  $Q$  imply that there exist positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that

$$|Q(v)| \leq C_1 \|v\|^2, \quad Q(\Phi v) - Q(v) \geq C_2 \|v\|^2 \quad (v \in E)$$

Assume that there exists non-zero  $v \in E$  such that

$\{\|\Phi^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded. Then  $\{Q(\Phi^n v) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded because  $|Q(v)| \leq C_1 \|v\|^2$ .

On the other hand, for every positive integer  $n$ ,

we have

$$Q(\Phi^n v) - Q(v) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \{Q(\Phi^{i+1} v) - Q(\Phi^i v)\} \geq C_2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|\Phi^i v\|^2,$$

$$Q(v) - Q(\Phi^{-n} v) = \sum_{i=1}^n \{Q(\Phi^{-i+1} v) - Q(\Phi^{-i} v)\} \geq C_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \|\Phi^{-i} v\|^2.$$

Since  $\{Q(\Phi^n v) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded, we see that

$$\|\Phi^n v\| \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow +\infty$$

Therefore  $Q(\Phi^n v) \longrightarrow 0$  as  $n \longrightarrow +\infty$  because  $|Q(v)| \leq C_1 \|v\|^2$

Note that for positive integer  $n$ ,

$$Q(\Phi^n v) > Q(\Phi^{n-1} v) > \dots > Q(\Phi v) > Q(v),$$

then we must have  $Q(v) < Q(\Phi v) \leq 0$  because  $Q(\Phi^n v) \longrightarrow 0$

as  $n \longrightarrow +\infty$ . Similarly we get  $Q(v) > 0$  because

$$Q(v) > Q(\Phi^{-1} v) > \dots > Q(\Phi^{-n+1} v) > Q(\Phi^{-n} v),$$

for positive integer  $n$  and  $Q(\Phi^{-n} v) \longrightarrow 0$  as  $n \longrightarrow +\infty$

This is a contradiction. Hence there exists no non-zero  $v \in E$  such that  $\{ \|\phi^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$  is bounded. This completes the proof.

Remark 1. Theorem 1 remains to be true even if  $Q$  is a continuous homogeneous function of degree 2, not necessary a quadratic form. This can be seen directly from the above proof of Theorem 1.

## §2. An application for diffeomorphisms

Let us now consider the case where  $\phi$  is a diffeomorphism  $f$  of a manifold  $M$ ,  $\phi$  its differential  $Tf$  and  $E$  the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$ .

Let  $f$  be a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism on a compact  $C^r$ -manifold  $M$  ( $r \geq 1$ ). The diffeomorphism  $f$  is called quasi-Anosov (resp. Anosov) if the vector bundle homeomorphism  $(Tf, f)$  on  $E \equiv TM$  is quasi-hyperbolic (resp. hyperbolic) on  $E$ .

By definition of quasi-Anosov diffeomorphisms, one can apply Theorem 1 directly to diffeomorphisms.

By the way, we give the definition of Anosov flows here. Let  $f_t$  be a flow on  $M$  and  $X$  the vector field on  $M$  generating  $f_t$ . The flow  $f_t$  is called Anosov if there exists a  $Tf_t$ -invariant continuous splitting of  $TM$ :

$$TM = \overline{X} \oplus E^s \oplus E^u, \quad \text{where } \overline{X} \text{ is one dimensional subbundle}$$

of  $TM$  defined by the vector field  $X$  and  $E^s$  is exponentially contracted by  $Tf_t$  in positive time while  $E^u$  is exponentially

contracted by  $Tf_t$  in negative time, for some Riemannian metric on  $M$

We can prove the following proposition by the same argument in the proof of Corollary 2.2 in [10] .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $f$  be a  $C^1$ -quasi-Anosov diffeomorphism on a compact  $C^r$ -manifold  $M$  ( $r \geq 1$ ) . Then there exists a  $C^1$ -neighbourhood  $U$  of  $f$ , in the space of diffeomorphisms of  $M$ , such that any finite composition of elements of  $U$  is quasi-Anosov

**Proof** By Theorem 1, there exists a quadratic form  $Q$  such that  $Q(Tfv) - Q(v) > 0$  for every non-zero  $v \in TM$ . Let  $U$  be the set of  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism  $g$  of  $M$  such that  $Q(Tgv) - Q(v) > 0$  for every non-zero  $v \in TM$ . Then  $U$  is a  $C^1$ -neighbourhood of  $f$  because  $M$  is compact.

Take  $g, h \in U$  and a non-zero  $v \in TM$ , then we have

$$Q(T(h \circ g)v) - Q(v)$$

$$= \{ Q(Th(Tgv)) - Q(Tgv) \} + \{ Q(Tgv) - Q(v) \} > 0 ,$$

which completes the proof by Theorem 1.

### §3. Geodesic flows of Anosov type

In this section, we consider geodesic flows. General references for geodesic flows are [1], [7], [9] and [14].

Let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact connected Riemannian  $C^r$ -manifold ( $r \geq 2$ ) without boundary, and  $TY$  the tangent bundle of  $Y$ . We can naturally interpret the double tangent

bundle  $T(TY) \equiv T^2Y$  as the vector bundle on  $Y$  as follows

Let  $K : T^2Y \longrightarrow TY$  be the Riemannian connector (cf [6] P.74),

and let  $\pi_Y : TY \longrightarrow Y$  and  $\pi_{TY} : T^2Y \longrightarrow TY$  be natural projections for tangent bundles on  $Y$  and  $TY$  respectively.

Further let  $\pi_*$  be the differential of  $\pi_Y$ . Then  $\pi_{TY} \oplus \pi_* \oplus K$

maps  $T^2Y$  to  $TY \oplus TY \oplus TY$  isomorphically as vector bundle

on  $Y$  (About this fact, see [6] and [17] for details.)

From now on, we identify a tangent vector  $\xi$  on  $TY$  with

a pair  $(\pi_*\xi, K\xi)$  of tangent vectors on  $Y$

It is well known that the tangent bundle is a Riemannian manifold with Sasakian metric:  $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_{TY} = \langle \pi_*\xi, \pi_*\eta \rangle_Y + \langle K\xi, K\eta \rangle_Y$ ,

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_Y$  is the Riemannian metric on  $Y$ . We will omit



the suffices  $Y$  and  $TY$  of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_Y$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{TY}$  in the following.

Let  $M \equiv SY$  be the sphere bundle of  $Y$  and  $E$  the vector bundle on  $M$  defined as follows : For  $v \in M$ , the fibre  $E_v$  is given by

$$E_v = \{ \xi \in T_v M : \langle \pi_* \xi, v \rangle = \langle K\xi, v \rangle = 0 \}$$

Let  $\phi_t : M \longrightarrow M$  be the geodesic flow on  $Y$  and  $\Phi_t \equiv T\phi_t$  the tangent cocycle of  $\phi_t$ . We proved in [14, Lemma 3] that  $(\Phi_t, \phi_t)$  is a vector bundle flow on  $E$  and obtained the following result which enables us to apply Theorem 1 for geodesic flows.

Proposition 3 [14, Theorem 1]

The geodesic flow  $\phi_t$  is Anosov if and only if for some  $T > 0$  ( and hence for all  $T > 0$  ), the vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\Phi_T, \phi_T)$  on  $E$  is hyperbolic.

Remark 2. Actually we gave there the criterion with  $T = 1$ . But the above generalization can be obtained easily.

Now we define a bundle map  $A : E \longrightarrow E$  covering the

identity map of  $M$  as follows : for  $\xi \in E_v$  ,

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} \pi_*(A\xi) \equiv \pi_*A\xi = -R(v, \pi_*\xi)v , \\ K(A\xi) \equiv KA\xi = K\xi , \end{cases}$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor of the Riemannian metric on  $Y$  . It is easy to check that  $\langle A\xi, \eta \rangle = \langle \xi, A\eta \rangle$  , for  $\xi, \eta \in E_v$  .

From Theorem 1 and Proposition 3, we obtain the following sufficient condition for a geodesic flow to be Anosov, which is one of our main results.

Theorem 4. Let  $Y$  be a compact connected  $C^r$ -Riemannian manifold ( $r \geq 2$ ) without boundary. Let  $\phi_t$  be the geodesic flow on  $Y$  and  $\Phi_t$  its differential, and let  $M \equiv SY$  ,  $E$  and  $A$  be as above. Assume that there exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^T \langle A\xi(t), \xi(t) \rangle dt > 0 ,$$

for every non-zero  $\xi \in E_v$  and  $v \in M$  , where  $\xi(t) = \Phi_t\xi$  .

Then the geodesic flow  $\phi_t$  is Anosov

Proof. Define a quadratic form  $Q$  on  $E$  as

$Q(\xi) = \langle \pi_* \xi, K\xi \rangle$ , and put  $\xi(t) = \phi_t \xi$ ,  $v(t) = \phi_t v$  for  $v \in M$ ,  $\xi \in E_v$ . In [14, Lemma 2], we gave the following equations :

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{D}{dt} \pi_* \xi(t) = K\xi(t) , \\ \frac{D}{dt} K\xi(t) = -R(v(t), \pi_* \xi(t))v(t) , \end{cases}$$

where  $\frac{D}{dt}$  is the covariant derivative for Riemannian connection on  $Y$

By (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad \frac{d}{dt} Q(\xi(t)) &= \left\langle \frac{D}{dt} \pi_* \xi(t), K\xi(t) \right\rangle + \left\langle \pi_* \xi(t), \frac{D}{dt} K\xi(t) \right\rangle \\ &= \langle K\xi(t), K\xi(t) \rangle - \langle \pi_* \xi(t), R(v(t), \pi_* \xi(t))v(t) \rangle \\ &= \langle A\xi(t), \xi(t) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$Q(\phi_T \xi) - Q(\xi) = Q(\xi(T)) - Q(\xi) = \int_0^T \langle A\xi(t), \xi(t) \rangle dt ,$$

which is positive for every non-zero  $\xi \in E_v$  by assumption.

Therefore it follows from Theorem 1 that the vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\phi_T, \phi_T)$  on  $E$  is quasi-hyperbolic

On the other hand, since the geodesic flow preserves

the Riemannian measure induced on  $M$ , the homeomorphism  $\phi_T$  is chain recurrent on  $M$ . Hence we see from the theory of Selgrade[18] and Sacker-Sell[16] that the quasi-hyperbolic vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\phi_T, \phi_T)$  is hyperbolic. Then Proposition 3, combining with this fact, implies that the geodesic flow is Anosov.

Remark 3. We can not yet prove the converse of Theorem 4. But it is likely to be true under a certain appropriate condition.

#### §4. Simple consequences of Theorem 4

From Theorem 4, we obtain the following proposition which enables us to prove easily the familiar fact that geodesic flows on Riemannian manifolds with negative curvature are Anosov.

**Proposition 5** Let  $Y$  be a compact connected Riemannian manifold without boundary and with non-positive sectional curvatures. Let  $\Lambda$  be the set of points at which every sectional curvatures are zero. If  $\Lambda$  contains no full geodesic curve, then the geodesic flow on  $Y$  is Anosov

**Proof** Note that  $\Lambda$  is compact, being a closed set in the compact set  $Y$ . The compactness of  $\Lambda$  implies that there exists  $T > 0$  such that the geodesic curve with the length  $T$  is not completely contained in  $\Lambda$ . Therefore for every  $v \in M$  and non-zero  $\xi \in E_v$  ( $M$  and  $E_v$  being the same as in §3), we have

$$\int_0^T \langle A\xi(t), \xi(t) \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_0^T \left\{ \|K\xi(t)\|^2 - \langle \pi_* \xi(t), R(v(t), \pi_* \xi(t))v(t) \rangle \right\} dt > 0 ,$$

because  $\langle \pi_* \xi(t), R(v(t), \pi_* \xi(t))v(t) \rangle \leq 0$  , and for some  $t$   
 $(0 \leq t \leq T)$ ,  $\langle \pi_* \xi(t), R(v(t), \pi_* \xi(t))v(t) \rangle < 0$  , by assumption.

This completes the proof

We define  $\widetilde{K(v)}$  as follows and call it the asymptotic  
 curvature of the direction  $v$  : for  $v \in M$  ,

$$(4.1) \quad \widetilde{K(v)} = \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \left\{ \sup_{\xi \in E_v, \|\xi\|=1} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \langle -A\xi(t), \xi(t) \rangle dt \right\} ,$$

where  $\xi(t) = \Phi_t \xi$

Untill now we do not know exactly what  $\widetilde{K(v)}$  means  
 However Theorem 4 combining with the familiar technique of  
 analysis induces the following.

Proposition 6. Assume that

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \langle -A\xi(t), \xi(t) \rangle dt$$

converges uniformly in  $\xi$  ,  $\|\xi\| = 1$  , as  $T \longrightarrow +\infty$

If  $\widetilde{K(v)} < 0$  for every  $v \in M$  , then the geodesic flow is Anosov



Proof. The assertion follows easily from the following lemma.

Lemma. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be compact metric spaces and

$f : X \times Y \times \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a continuous function. Put  $g(x,t) = \max\{ f(x,y,t) : y \in Y \}$ , and assume  $f(x,y,t)$  converges uniformly in  $x, y$ , as  $t \longrightarrow +\infty$ . If  $\limsup_{t \longrightarrow +\infty} g(x,t) < 0$  for every  $x \in X$ , then there exists  $T > 0$  such that  $g(x,T) < 0$  for every  $x \in X$ .

Remark 4. In [11], Lewowicz has proven Theorem 4 and Proposition 5 in the case of 2-dimensional manifolds.

## §5. Generalization of Chicone's criterion

We keep the same notations as in §3. Let  $C(E)$  denote the real Banach space of continuous sections of  $E$  with the supremum norm  $\|\xi\| = \sup\{\langle \xi(x), \xi(x) \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} : x \in M\}$ .

On the other hand, as is well known the geodesic flow  $\phi_t$  preserves the Riemannian measure  $\mu$  on  $M$ . The space  $C(E)$  is equipped with the inner product

$$(\xi, \eta) = \int_M \langle \xi(x), \eta(x) \rangle d\mu(x), \quad \text{for } \xi, \eta \in C(E).$$

Let  $L^2(E)$  denote the completion of  $C(E)$  with  $L^2$ -norm induced from this inner product.  $L^2(E)$  is a Hilbert space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . We denote the complexifications of  $C(E)$  and  $L^2(E)$  by  $\Gamma(E)$  and  $\Gamma^2(E)$  respectively. We extend  $\pi_*$ ,  $K$ ,  $A$  and  $\phi_t$  so as to commute with complex conjugation. And we also extend inner products  $\langle, \rangle$  and  $(, )$  to Hermitian inner products.

For a fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\phi_t, \phi_t)$  induces a bounded linear operator  $\phi_t^\#$ , so called the

adjoint representation of  $(\Phi_t, \phi_t)$  , on  $\Gamma(E)$  (resp.  $\Gamma^2(E)$ )

as follows:

$$\Phi_t^\# \xi = \Phi_t \circ \xi \circ \phi_{-t} \quad \text{for } \xi \in \Gamma(E) \text{ (resp. } \Gamma^2(E))$$

It is easily checked that the vector bundle map  $A : E \longrightarrow E$

also induces a bounded linear operator  $A^\#$  on  $\Gamma(E)$  (resp.  $\Gamma^2(E)$ ),

in particular, the operator  $A^\#$  on  $\Gamma^2(E)$  is selfadjoint.

Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator on a Banach space  $H$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  . We denote by  $\sigma(T:H)$  and  $\sigma_{ap}(T:H)$  the sets of spectra and approximate point spectra of  $T$  on  $H$  respectively

J.N.Mather [13] has already proven that for a fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the vector bundle homeomorphism  $(\Phi_t, \phi_t)$  is hyperbolic if and only if  $\sigma(\Phi_t^\# : \Gamma(E))$  is disjoint from the unit circle

( Mather has proven this theorem in some restricted situation.

For a proof in general setting as above, see [15] , for instance )

Recently, C.Chicone and R.C.Swanson proved the following powerful result.

Proposition 7 [3, Proposition 1.4 and Theorem 1 5].

There hold the following equalities for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  ,

$$\sigma(\Phi_t^\#: \Gamma(E)) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(\Phi_t^\#: \Gamma(E)) = \sigma_{\text{ap}}(\Phi_t^\#: \Gamma^2(E)) = \sigma(\Phi_t^\#: \Gamma^2(E))$$

Proposition 7 combining with the following lemma enables us to obtain a theorem corresponding to Theorem 4.

Lemma 8. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $T$  a bounded linear operator on  $H$ , and  $Q$  a quadratic form on  $H$ :  $Q(\xi) = (S\xi, \xi)$ ,  $\xi \in H$ , where  $S$  is a bounded selfadjoint operator. If  $\inf\{Q(T\xi) - Q(\xi) : \|\xi\| = 1\} > 0$ , then  $\sigma_{\text{ap}}(T; H)$  is disjoint from the unit circle.

Proof Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $\xi_n \in H$  with  $\|\xi_n\| = 1$ , and assume  $\|(T - \lambda I)\xi_n\| \longrightarrow 0$  as  $n \longrightarrow +\infty$ .

Then  $(S(T - \lambda I)\xi_n, T\xi_n) \longrightarrow 0$  as  $n \longrightarrow +\infty$ , because

$$|(S(T - \lambda I)\xi_n, T\xi_n)| \leq \|S\| \cdot \|(T - \lambda I)\xi_n\| \cdot \|T\|.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5.1) \quad & (S(T - \lambda I)\xi_n, T\xi_n) = (T^* S(T - \lambda I)\xi_n, \xi_n) \\ & = (T^* S T \xi_n, \xi_n) - \lambda (T^* S \xi_n, \xi_n) \\ & = (T^* S T \xi_n, \xi_n) - (S \xi_n, \xi_n) + \lambda \bar{\lambda} (S \xi_n, \xi_n) - \lambda (S \xi_n, T \xi_n) \\ & = (T^* S T \xi_n, \xi_n) - (S \xi_n, \xi_n) - \lambda (S \xi_n, (T - \lambda I)\xi_n) \end{aligned}$$

By assumption, there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$(5.2) \quad (T^* S T \xi_n, \xi_n) - (S \xi_n, \xi_n) = Q(T \xi_n) - Q(\xi_n) \geq C > 0.$$

The above equalities (5.1) and (5.2) contradict that

$$(S(T - \lambda I)\xi_n, T\xi_n), (S\xi_n, (T - \lambda I)\xi_n) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow +\infty.$$

Thus we have shown that  $\lambda \notin \sigma_{\text{ap}}(T:H)$ .

Theorem 9. Let  $\phi_t$  be the geodesic flow on a compact connected Riemannian manifold. Assume that there exists

$T > 0$  such that

$$\inf \left\{ \int_0^T (A^\# \xi(t), \xi(t)) dt : \xi \in \Gamma^2(E), \|\xi\| = 1 \right\}$$

is positive, where  $\xi(t) = \phi_t^\# \xi$ . Then the geodesic flow

is Anosov.

Proof Let us define a quadratic form  $Q$  on the Hilbert space  $\Gamma^2(E)$  as

$$Q(\xi) = \int_M \langle \pi_* \xi(x), K \xi(x) \rangle d\mu(x) \quad (\xi \in \Gamma^2(E))$$

We see easily that  $Q(\xi)$  gives actually a quadratic form on the Hilbert space.

Since  $\phi_t$  preserves the measure  $\mu$ , we have

$$Q(\phi_t^\# \xi) = \int_M \langle \pi_* \phi_T \xi(\phi_{-T} x), K \phi_T \xi(\phi_{-T} x) \rangle d\mu(x)$$

$$= \int_M \langle \pi_* \Phi_T \xi(x), K \Phi_T \xi(x) \rangle d\mu(x)$$

Therefore, from (3.3) and Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5.3) \quad Q(\Phi_T^\# \xi) - Q(\xi) &= \int_M \left\{ \langle \pi_* \Phi_T \xi(x), K \Phi_T \xi(x) \rangle - \langle \pi_* \xi(x), K \xi(x) \rangle \right\} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_M \left\{ \int_0^T \langle A \Phi_t \xi(x), \Phi_t \xi(x) \rangle dt \right\} d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_0^T \left\{ \int_M \langle A \Phi_t \xi(\phi_{-t} x), \Phi_t \xi(\phi_{-t} x) \rangle d\mu(x) \right\} dt \\ &= \int_0^T (A^\# \xi(t), \xi(t)) dt, \quad \text{where } \xi(t) = \Phi_t^\# \xi \end{aligned}$$

By using (5.3) and Lemma 8, we see that  $\sigma_{ap}(\Phi_T^\#: \Gamma^2(E))$  is disjoint from the unit circle, and hence, so is  $\sigma(\Phi_T^\#: \Gamma(E))$  because of Proposition 7.

By Proposition 3, combined with Mather's theorem, we conclude that the geodesic flow  $\phi_t$  is Anosov.

C. Chicone [2] defined  $K_0(Y)$ , the so-called  $H^0$ -curvature of  $Y$ , as

$$K_0(Y) = \sup \{ (-A^\# \xi, \xi) : \xi \in \Gamma^2(E), \|\xi\| = 1 \},$$

in our notation. We can obtain the Chicone's criterion as a corollary of Theorem 9.



Corollary 10 [2, Corollary 5.9]

If  $K_0(Y) < 0$ , then the geodesic flow on  $Y$  is Anosov

Proof. Assume  $K_0(Y) < 0$ . Then we can get

$$\inf \left\{ \int_0^T (A^\# \xi(t), \xi(t)) dt : \xi \in \Gamma^2(E), \|\xi\| = 1 \right\} > 0$$

for any  $T > 0$ , where  $\xi(t) = \Phi_t^\# \xi$

In fact, Put  $K_0(Y) = -C < 0$ , then

$$\inf \{ (A^\# \xi, \xi) : \|\xi\| = 1 \} = C > 0,$$

whence  $(A^\# \xi, \xi) \geq C \|\xi\|^2$  for every  $\xi \in \Gamma^2(E)$

Since  $(A^\# \Phi_t^\# \xi, \Phi_t^\# \xi) \geq C \|\Phi_t^\# \xi\|^2$ , we have

$$(A^\# \Phi_t^\# \xi, \Phi_t^\# \xi) \geq C \inf_{\|\xi\|=1} \|\Phi_t^\# \xi\|^2 \geq C \|\Phi_{-t}^\#\|^{-2},$$

because

$$1 = \|\xi\| = \|\Phi_{-t}^\# \cdot \Phi_t^\# \xi\| \leq \|\Phi_{-t}^\#\| \cdot \|\Phi_t^\# \xi\|.$$

Since  $\{\Phi_t^\#\}$  is a strongly continuous group of bounded

linear operators, there are  $k > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\|\Phi_{-t}^\#\| \leq k e^{\alpha t} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0,$$

hence

$$\|\phi_{-t}^{\#}\|^{-1} \geq \frac{1}{k} e^{-\alpha t} .$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\|\xi\|=1} \left\{ \int_0^T (A^{\#}\xi(t), \xi(t)) dt \right\} &\geq (C/k^2) \int_0^T e^{-2\alpha t} dt \\ &= (C/2k^2\alpha)(1-e^{-2\alpha T}) > 0 . \end{aligned}$$

So we can apply Theorem 9 and get the assertion.

We can consider the object analogous to  $\widetilde{K(v)}$  in (4.1) in  $L^2$ -setting. We call the following  $\widetilde{K_0(Y)}$  the asymptotic  $H^0$ -curvature of  $Y$ :

$$\widetilde{K_0(Y)} = \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \left\{ \sup_{\xi \in \Gamma^2(E), \|\xi\|=1} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (-A^{\#}\xi(t), \xi(t)) dt \right\} ,$$

where  $\xi(t) = \phi_t^{\#}\xi$ . We suspect whether it has some relations with the ergodic properties of the geodesic flow  $\phi_t$  on a Riemannian manifold  $Y$ .

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